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NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS SPECIES BACTERIA,
METHOD FOR OBTAINING THEM AND THEIR
BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS**

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August 14, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, before the first line, insert the following:

--The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/214,759, filed January 12, 1999, which is a 371 application of PCT/FR97/01295, filed July 11, 1997, and claims benefit of FR 96 08768, filed July 12, 1996.--

Page 6, delete the paragraph spanning lines 4-11, and insert the following therefor:

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